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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

In the Specification

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The paragraph beginning on page 41, line 32 has been amended as follows:

With the advent of molecular biological techniques that have allowed the isolation and characterization of genes that encode specific protein products, scientists in the field of plant biology developed a strong interest in engineering the genome of plants to contain and express foreign genes, or additional, or modified versions of native or endogenous genes (perhaps driven by different promoters) in order to alter the traits of a plant in a specific manner. Such foreign,

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